श्री ईश्वर दयाल स्वामी : सर, सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट, मिनिस्ट्री ऑफ होम अफेयर्स मॉडर्नाइजेशन ऑफ पुलिस के लिए बहुत पैसा देती है और उस पैसे में यह भी है कि नए पुलिस स्टेशन बनाना, वूमेन पुलिस को टॉयलेट फेसिलिटी देना, उनके लिए सेपरेट रेस्ट देना आदि। यह कम्पोनेंट्स मॉडर्नाइजेशन की स्कीम में आते हैं और इनके लिए सभी स्टेट्स को पैसा दिया जाता है। उसी पैसे से ये काम करने हैं। हां, यह बात सही है कि हम वूमेन पुलिस में रिक्रूटमेंट करने के लिए कोई सेपरेट पैसा लेकिन सफीसिएंट पैसा पुलिस मॉडर्नाइजेशन के लिए दिया जाता है।

श्री सभापति : प्रश्न संख्या-464. श्रीमती प्रेमा करियप्पा—अनुपस्थित।

श्री मोती लाल वोरा : मान्यवर, मैं रक्षा मंत्री जी से संबंधित प्रश्न नहीं पूछना चाहता।

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : महोदय, माननीय रक्षा मंत्री जी जिन्हें हम रक्षा मंत्री मानने के लिए तैयार नहीं हैं, चाईना गए हैं। चाइना में ''सार्स'' फैला हुआ है और जब वह वापिस आएं तो कहीं ''सार्स'' लेकर न आएं। इसके लिए मेडिकल जांच एअरपोर्ट पर ही होनी बहुत जरूरी है। उन्हें ऐसे समय में तो चाईना जाना ही नहीं था। ···(**व्यवधान**) ··· यह तो राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा का प्रश्न है।

*464. [The Questioner (Shrimati Prema Cariappa) was absent. For answer *vide* pages 44—45 *infra.*]

*465. [The Questioner (Shri Yadlapati Venkat Rao) was absent. For answer *vide* page 45 *infra.*]

Core Groups on Reforms

*466. SHRI R.P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two separate Core Groups on Administrative Reforms and social sector have been set up recently to suggest changes in administrative systems and procedures to speed up the pace of reforms and various policies being implemented by different Ministries to achieve the objectives of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the personnel of the Core Groups, their specific agenda and time-frame fixed for making their recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002—2007) focuses on governance as a critical factor for promotion of economic development. The formulation of viable schemes for bringing about development especially in the social sector and an appropriate delivery system to implement such schemes have been identified for the above purpose and good governance has been identified as intrinsic to both. Transparency in governmental functioning, greater accountability across all the sectors of government, use of information technology so as to reduce discretion and delay, security of tenure, tackling corruption and strengthening the rule of law, promotion of gender equality have been, *inter-alia*, the governance reforms suggested.

2. A Core Group on Administrative Reforms (CGAR) has been constituted on 19 February, 2003 to formulate specific changes in the systems and procedures, in consultation with Ministries/Departments concerned, and to devise strategies for changing attitudes. The Group is required to prepare an Action Plan for implementation of its recommendations within a time-frame of one year. Another Core Group on Social Sector (CGSS) has been constituted on 20 February, 2003.

3. The first meeting of the Core Group on Administrative Reforms (CGAR) was held on 3 March, 2003, in which the following eight subjects were identified for preparing Concept Papers along with Action Plans :

(i) How to make the administration efficient and transparent?

(ii) How to make the administration responsive and citizen-friendly?

(iii) How to make the administration accountable?

(iv) Simplification of rules, regulations and procedures and creating public awareness about them;

(v) Delegation of authority from 'nodal' Ministries, to 'functional' Ministries, within the Ministries and from the Ministries to their field offices;

(vi) Introducing e-governance in Central Government Offices (including e-readiness to introduce e-governance and e-support for the whole gamut of administrative reforms);

(vii) Civil Service Reforms; and

(viii) Outsourcing of some of the work done in Government offices for efficiency, cost control and cutting down staff expenditure with specific focus on Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs).

4. The Core Group on the Social Sector (CGSS) will act as a think tank to consider the significant matters having a bearing on the development of Social Sector in the country. This Group has not met so far.

5. The Core Group on Administrative Reforms comprises (i) Cabinet Secretary as Chairman and (ii) Secretary, Planning Commission, (iii) Secretary, Department of Expenditure, (iv) Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, (v) Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, (vi) Secretary, Department of Information Technology, (vii) Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, (viii) Secretary, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, and (ix) Additional Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, as Members.

6. The Gore Group on Social Sector comprises (i) Cabinet Secretary as Chairman and (ii) Secretary, Planning Commission, (iii) Finance Secretary, (iv) Secretary, Department of Expenditure, (v) Secretary, Department of Elementary Education and Literacy, (vi) Secretary, Department of Health, (vii) Secretary, Department of Family Welfare, (viii) Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, (ix) Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, (x) Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, (xi) Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, (xii) Secretary, Department of Rural Development, (xiii) Secretary, Department of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation, (xiv) Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution and (xv) Secretary, Ministry of Labour as Members.

श्री आर.पी. गोयनका : सभापति जी, मैं आप के माध्यम से माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि जब प्रधान मंत्री जी ने इस बारे में अनाउंसमेंट किया था, उसे आज 7 महीने बीत गए हैं। इन 7 महीनों में दो कमेटी बनी हैं। इनमें से एक की मीटिंग तो मार्च हुई है और दूसरी की अभी मीटिंग नहीं हुई है। तो क्या आप समय निर्धारित कर पाएंगे 5 साल गुजरने के बाद उस की रिपोर्ट आएगी?

SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Sir, I have given a detailed reply about the two Core Committees, which have already been constituted, one on 19th February, 2003, and the other on 20th February, 2003. The first meeting of the first core group was held on 3rd March, 2003. So, these two Core Groups are in a very preliminary stage and I would like to tell the Hon. Member that as soon as these Committees sit and deliberate and come to some conclusion, and come out with recommendations, I would, definitely, inform the Member.

श्री आर. पी. गोयनका : महोदय, मेरा दूसरा सवाल यह है कि उन कमेटी की रिकमंडेशंस आएंगी, फिर आप उसे कंसीडर करेंगे, लेकिन उस पर अमल कब तक करेंगे? आप उस के लिए समय निर्धारित करेंगे या ऐसे ही रखेंगे?

श्री हरिन पाठक : सभापति जी, यह बहुत कांप्रिहेंसिव सब्जैक्ट है। महोदय, एडमिनिस्ट्रेटिव रिफॉर्म्स एंड सोशल सेक्टर रिफॉर्म्स - ये दानों ही इतने व्यापक विषय हैं कि जो पूरी सरकार के गवर्नर्स से सीधे संबंध रखते हैं। तो जैसे ही इन दो कोर ग्रुप्स की रिकमंडेशन आएगी, सरकार निश्चित रूप से सकारात्मक तरीके से उस पर अमल करने के बारे में सोचेगी।

श्री सभापति : प्रश्न संख्या - 467.

Houses constructed in Karnataka

*467. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the assistance limit fixed for rural housing for each house as Rs. 20,000/- in the plains and Rs. 22,000/- for hilly and difficult areas, are insufficient for construction of houses as the materials costs have increased;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) the details of amount sanctioned and released to the State of Karnataka under various Housing Schemes for the last three years; and

(d) the details of houses constructed in the State for the last three years?